

REMARKS

Claims 22-41 are pending in the application. New claim 41 has been added.

Election of Species Requirement

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between the species illustrated in:

- Figures 1A and 1B;
- Figure 3;
- Figure 5;
- Figures 7A and 7B;
- Figure 8;
- Figures 9A to 9D
- Figure 11;
- Figures 20A and 20B; and
- Figures 21A and 21B.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect the Species illustrated in Figures 7A and 7B, with traverse.

Claim 29 is directed to the elected species.

Applicants traverse the election of species requirement for the following reasons.

The Examiner states that the species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.

Applicants respectfully submit that at least the species shown in Figs. 3, and Figs. 7A and 7B (i.e., claims 22-29 and 38) relate to a single general inventive concept. More specifically, claims 22-29 commonly focus on the construction of the reflection portion as means for achieving the even brightness of the display.

New Claim

New claim 41, which only requires “a reflection portion” and “brightness compensation means” has been added. This claim is directed to the elected species (Figs. 7A and 7B).

Further, claim 41 is also sub-generic to the species shown in Fig. 3 because this species also requires the “reflection portion” and the “brightness compensation means.”

In view of this, the Examiner is respectfully requested to also determine the patentability of claim 41.

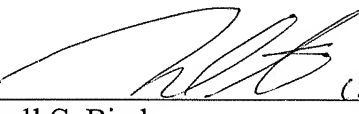
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi, Registration No. 40,417 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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